

TABLE 1 – AWARDS AND DECORATIONS
(Listed in order of precedence)

| Awarding Authority | | | | | | | | | |
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| AWARD | DOD/ USN* | DOT | COMDT | AREA | HQ's, MLC's and DIST Flag / SES | HQ 0-6 CO 0-6 | CO O-5 | CO O-4 | ADMIN |
| Medal of Honor ^a | X | | | | | | | | |
| Navy Cross ^a | X | | | | | | | | |
| DOT Distinguished Service Medal ^a | | X | | | | | | | |
| CG Distinguished Service Medal ^a | | X | | | | | | | |
| Silver Star ^a | X | | | | | | | | |
| DOT Sec. Award for Outstanding Achievement ^a | | X | | | | | | | |
| Legion of Merit ^{V, a} | | X | | | | | | | |
| Distinguished Flying Cross ^a | | | X | | | | | | |
| Coast Guard Medal ^a | | | X | | | | | | |
| Gold Lifesaving Medal ^a | | | X | | | | | | |
| Bronze Star Medal ^{V, a} | | | X | | | | | | |
| Purple Heart Medal ^a | X | | X | | | | | | |
| Meritorious Service Medal ^{O, a} | | | X | X | X | | | | |
| Air Medal ^a | | | X | X | X | | | | |
| Silver Lifesaving Medal ^a | | | X | | | | | | |
| DOT Sec. Award for Meritorious Achievement ^a | | X | | | | | | | |
| CG Commendation Medal ^{V, O, a} | | | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Navy Commendation Medal ^{V, a} | X | | | | | | | | |
| DOT Sec. Award for Superior Achievement ^a | | X | | | | | | | |
| CG Achievement Medal ^{O, V, a} | | | X | X | X | X | X | | |
| Navy Achievement Medal ^{V, a} | X | | | | | | | | |
| COMDT'S Letter of Commend. Ribbon ^{O, a} | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Combat Action Ribbon ^{V, b} | X | | X | | | | | | |
| Presidential Unit Citation ^a | X | | | | | | | | |
| Joint Meritorious Unit Award ^{a, c} | X | | | | | | | | |
| DOT Outstanding Unit Award ^a | | X | | | | | | | |
| CG Unit Commend. ^{O, a} | | | X | X | | | | | |
| Navy Unit Commend. ^a | X | | | | | | | | |
| CG Meritorious Unit Commen. ^{O, a} | | | X | X | X | | | | |

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LEGEND

- Distinguishing Devices:

“O” Operational Distinguishing Device. For Personal and Unit Awards. Each case must be judged on its own merits, and the citation must specifically authorize the device. Personal awards earned while in a leave or liberty status for heroism are considered eligible for the “O” device. Eligibility criteria is based on a persons/units:

- direct participation in missions of an operational “hands on” nature (e.g., SAR, fire fighting, MLE, disaster relief, pollution response, AtoN maintenance and operations); and/or
- extended periods of service (vice a specific incident) only if the major cited achievement used to justify the award is operational vice administrative, and the individual/unit participated “hands on” in the operational achievements.

“V” For Valor, Combat Distinguishing Device. The bronze letter “V” may be authorized for wear if the award is for acts or services involving direct participation in combat operations. Eligibility of decorations and distinguishing devices awarded for combat shall be based upon acts or services by individuals who are exposed to direct hostile actions or imminence of such actions and not solely upon the geographical area in which the acts or services are performed. Each case must be judged on its own merits, and the citation must specifically authorize the device.

Reserve Only:

"M" Mobilization "M" Device authorized for wear on the Armed Forces Reserve Medal for members who qualify for the AFRM as specified in chapter 5.A.11.h.

“X” Hourglass Device -- authorized for wear on the AFRM to denote each succeeding 10-year period, as specified in chapter 5.A.11.h.

- Subsequent Awards. The following stars (or cluster) are authorized to denote subsequent awards:

“a” Large stars. A 5/16-inch gold star denotes each subsequent award. A 5/16-inch silver star is worn in lieu of five gold stars (represents the sixth award).

“b” Small stars. A 3/16-inch bronze star is worn on unit (except Coast Guard unit awards), campaign and service awards to denote engagements, campaigns or subsequent awards. A 3/16-inch silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze stars (represents the sixth award, engagement or campaign).

“c” Oak Leaf Cluster. Authorized for wear on joint Unit awards, or awards earned in a joint capacity.